THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Prasar Bharati have intimated that due consideration has been given to promote Sanskrit language in Millennium programme schedule of Doordarshan. In this regard, two proposals for programmes on Sanskrit have also been received. In the 24 hour Millennium Show on 31st December, 1999, there will be some segments of Sanskrit shlokas. Films like 'Kalchkra' and 'The Indian Mind' will also dwell on the Sanskrit language.

Rules/Procedures for Promotion in Subordinate Offices

†1910. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are some procedures/rules for promotion in subordinate offices of the Ministry, alongwith the details thereof;

(b) whether these procedures/rules are properly implemented; and

(c) if so, the reasons for promoting other officials neglecting the employees of Prasar Bharati subordinate programme service cadre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Promotions to various posts in the subordinate offices of this Ministry are made on the basis of recruitment rules prescribed for the posts and on the basis of instructions issued by DOP&T and UPSC from time to time. These instructions are strictly followed while making promotions.

(c) No such case has been reported.

Doordarshan Channels on National Network

1911. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan channels on national network;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.